

### ABSTRACT

[0144] A spring-loaded compression device for retention of documents or other objects within a storage container, or on a surface, such as a shelf. One or more springs are disposed between two plates, which can both serve as pushers to apply compressive  
5 force to adjacent documents or objects. The device can be secured so the spring mechanism remains in a fully compressed posture. When released, the spring(s) can expand to any position up to as much as the length of the storage area, to secure adjacent documents or objects in a desired orientation within the storage unit. The spring(s) and attached pusher plate can also be retracted to allow documents or objects to be readily  
10 removed from, or placed into, the storage unit. The device can be permanently installed in a storage unit, made portable for use in different storage units, or adapted for use as free-standing bookends.